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Scott A. Koch
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Re: Request under the FOIA, in reply refer to Archive # 20090536CIA062

Dear Mr. Koch:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), I hereby request copies of the following:

All documents related in whole or in part to the increased presence of Mexican drug cartels in Guatemala, from October 2008 to the present. In November 2008, Guatemalan president Álvaro Colom publicly announced the presence of Mexican drug traffickers in the border region between the two countries, and reports state that at least 300 members of Los Zetas are operating in eight of Guatemala's twenty-two departments.

If you regard any of these documents as potentially exempt from the FOIA's disclosure requirements, I request that you nonetheless exercise your discretion to disclose them. As the FOIA requires, please release all reasonably segregable non exempt portions of documents. To permit me to reach an intelligent and informed decision whether or not to file an administrative appeal of any denied material, please describe any withheld records (or portions thereof) and explain the basis for your exemption claims.

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To expedite the release of the requested documents, please disclose them on an interim basis as they become available to you, without waiting until all the documents have been processed. If you have any questions regarding the identity of the records, their location, the scope of the request or any other matters, please call me at (202) 994-7000 or email me at foiamail@gwu.edu. I look forward to receiving your response within the twenty day statutory time period.

Sincerely yours

[Redacted Signature]



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